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## Congressman Payne Gets First Hand View Of Long Term Care Needs At New Community

### *Emotional And Financial Strain On Families Must Be Addressed*

Recently elected Congressman Donald M. Payne, formerly a Newark Councilman from the South Ward returned to Newark on Monday, March 20, 1989 to view first hand some of New Community programs for seniors and handicapped persons.

Congressman Payne began his visit at The Nutrition Site at New Community Associates, 180 South Orange

out of isolated lives and into the company of others their age. The congressman was presented with an NCC hat and T-shirt by the seniors as a reminder of his visit.

Congressman Payne was responding to the issue of long term care in our society today. Many families are being stressed beyond their capacities by the inherent emotional and finan-

staff. Leroy Canady, Administrator of the facility was present to discuss the program.

The financial strain of long term care on the family points out the need for any legislation to make services available to all who need them, regardless of age or income. Tragedy crosses all boundaries. Both facility based and community based health, social and support services are necessary and the financial risk can only be met by shared responsibility to provide coverage for all.

A visit to Mrs. Cornelia Lindsey with Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Sister Ann Tumulty and Social Worker, Gloria Chambers gave the Congressman a graphic insight into the dependence of a completely bedridden person upon the compassionate care of others. Mrs. Lindsey is able to remain in her apartment because she is cared for under the NCC Home Health Care program.

(Additional photos of Congressman Payne's visit on page 3.)



NCC Treasurer Mary Smith welcomes Congressman Donald Payne to one of New Community's Senior nutrition programs as Boardmember Joe Chaneyfield and Director of Human Services Gwendy Long look on.

Avenue, where Mary Smith, Treasurer of the NCC Board of Directors welcomed him on behalf of New Community and thanked him for his interest in the work being done to keep seniors and the handicapped out of institutions.

His visit was appreciated by the people benefiting from a daily nutritional meal which also brought them

cial strains which accompany the lingering illness of a loved one. Legislators are being asked to formulate public policy to address this family crisis.

At the New Community Adult Medical Day Care Facility, Congressman Payne was able to see first hand the participants needing the program and talk to members of the

Food is brought in by NCC's Meals on Wheels, physical needs are attended and institutionalization with its high costs and oftentimes sterile surroundings is avoided.

Families and friends who care for people in such circumstances need a tremendous outpouring of support to cope, and training to do the caregiving properly without physical or emotional impairment as well.

New Community espouses the philosophy, "all persons, as children of God, are entitled to and capable of confirming their own dignity and determining their own destiny..." It is this philosophy which has involved us in caring for seniors and handicapped persons and we are proud that our programs can be an example to others.

Human dignity is as inviolate a right as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We are happy our Congressman cares too.

## Kean College Honors Mary Smith

On Thursday, March 30, 1989, to add to Mary Smith's many cherished memories, Kean College honored four of its most outstanding graduates at its 40th Anniversary Celebration for the Graduate Program. Mary Smith was one of the four to receive this honor, at which time she had a chance to reflect on her earlier accomplishment when she was robed and marched in the procession with the other three honorees and Deans from each of the Departments of Kean College.

Monsignor Timothy Healey, President of Georgetown University, and the keynote speaker, in his charismatic manner, applauded the honorees for their commitment and dedication to their education and to their community.

Mary Smith, Executive Director for Babyland Nursery, Inc., Treasurer for New Community Corporation, and



Ms. Mary Smith

Kean College honoree, also represents the whole from which each of us should strive to attain a piece.

Martha Carroll  
Assistant Director for  
Human Resources

*This Problem Needs Solving...*

### OVER \$1,000,000 IS OWED NEW COMMUNITY EXTENDED CARE FACILITY FOR CARING FOR THOSE IN NEED.

The operation of the New Community Extended Care Facility is extremely difficult due to one main reason — it is a totally MEDICAID facility. That is, almost every participant is on MEDICAID.

To demonstrate the significance of this fact, we are providing the MEDICAID receivables:

\$400,000	Prior June 30, 1988
178,000	Prior December 31, 1988
140,700	Prior February 23, 1989
379,700	Prior April 4, 1989
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\$1,098,400	TOTAL OWED TO NEW COMMUNITY EXTENDED CARE FACILITY

The needy need care; we care for the needy.

Who Will Care About Us? We Cannot Operate Without A Cash Flow.

Does Anyone Have A Solution?

A cloud of dust appears as the last of the buildings on NCC's shopping center site are demolished! Goodbye to rubble and hello to Pathmark!

## Harmony House Is Above Ground!



The foundation for Harmony House begins to take shape as work on this housing for the homeless project, a joint venture of Hartz Mountain and New Community progresses.



### THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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The Harmony House project has provided additional jobs in the community since it began in the fall.

#### Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201) 623-2800 ext. 206.

## The Extent Of Homelessness, Poverty Housing In The U.S.

Six and one-half million renter household currently pay more than half their income for rent, says the Institute for Policy Studies, based in Washington, D.C. Further, in 1985, 3 million renter households with annual incomes below \$5,000 spent over 70 percent of that income on housing. These 3 million represent almost 10 percent of all U.S. renter households.

The National Housing Task Force

estimates that 20 percent of the homeless hold full or part time jobs.

The Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University estimated in spring 1988 that 4.5 million homeowners and 5 million renters live in substandard housing, concentrated in inner cities and outlying rural areas.

Compiled by Steve Baker, HFH International.

## Sure Sign Of Spring



St. Rose of Lima School students get into the "Spring Swing" of things as they practice jumping rope.

## Mary Smith To Receive New Jersey Pride Award

Every year New Jersey Monthly chooses 10 people whose work and dedication have brought a sense of pride to the Garden State to receive its New Jersey Pride Awards.

This year our own Mary Smith, executive director of Babyland Nursery, and treasurer of the New Community board of trustees has been chosen the recipient of the Social Services Award.

The presentation ceremony will be held at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany on May 4th, with the

New Jersey Special Olympics as beneficiary.

Chosen as Woman of the Year by the magazine, is Olympia Dukakis, the producing artistic director of the Whole Theatre in Montclair and a 1988 Academy Award winner.

Awards are also given in the areas of Arts, Community Development, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Science and Technology, and Sports and Recreation.

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# Congressman Payne Takes Look At Long Term Care... Continued



A bedridden Mrs. Cornelia Lindsey shared her concerns and difficulties with Congressman Payne and Sr. Ann Tumulty during Mr. Payne's visit to Mrs. Lindsey's apartment.

## NCC Employment Center Bringing Joy

96  
Placements  
For March

Joy Chinwe Iferika brings much sunlight, cheerfulness and joy to our lives at New Community Employment Center. Joy began with our organization on November 7, 1988, as receptionist, with primary responsibility for scheduling and greeting job seekers.

Her excellent work habits and pleasant personality were quickly observed as the qualities we needed in our front line staff. With gentleness, courtesy and a concerned demeanor, Joy is able to put our applicants at ease when they come to our offices,

tion, she will continue on for three more years, pursuing a graduate degree in pharmacology - (did I mention that she has a whole heap of get-up-and-go!).

Joy likes to travel and has used her time in the United States as an opportunity to see this country. She said she has "been to New York and California, Washington, D.C. and the Carolinas." When conditions permit, she would like to travel frequently between the U.S. and Africa (among many other places).

We are glad her feet are grounded



NCC Employment Center Director L. Michelle Odom and Joy Chinwe Iferika take a moment to smile for the Clarion camera.

often beat down by the stresses of unemployment and poverty.

Joy's initiative and ability to follow directions caught my eye early on - even though she was working in our Hill Street office under the supervision of Mike Jackson. When a more responsible position became available in our South Orange Avenue location, Joy was a natural choice for promotion.

Joy now serves as our program secretary with responsibility for record-keeping (and there are a lot of records when you find jobs for 1,475 people as we did in 1988), data entry and word processing - of course, she also continues to brighten the lives of the people seeking our help.

Joy Iferika is a native of Lagos, Nigeria from which she immigrated at the age of 13. She aspires to the position of pharmacist and is now a chemistry major in her third year at Rutgers University. Upon gradu-

in Newark for the moment, because she brings the ingredient we were missing for some time at the Employment Center. "I think it's great working here," she said, "because the Employment Center is established to help people and I love helping people, so I am in the right place."

L. Michelle Odom

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

New Community Corporation Employment Center is a non-profit, no-fee employment counseling and placement service for the people and employers of the metropolitan area. If you would like to reduce your advertising expense and interviewing time, just let us know of your job openings. If you need help finding a job - or a better job - just call for an appointment. Employers and job seekers may reach us at (201) 643-3828.



NCC's Older American King Arthur Lipscomb (right) presented Congressman Donald Payne with a New Community cap and tee shirt during a visit to 180 Associates.

## Three Different Worlds

"I can make \$200 in two days at my fast food job."

"I have made up to \$300 a week on my past job."

"When business is doing well, I can make up to \$5,000 a day."

Three different statements from three different teens. All are 16 years old, and all are living in three totally different worlds. I had the pleasure of meeting these young people while conducting an Employment Readiness Workshop, which was held at a Drug Rehabilitation Center for youth. This setting was out of the ordinary for a couple of these young people who were there working on a project for school. The rest were all participants getting their lives back in order.

The workshop was developed to teach young people the proper way to fill out an application, what jobs are available to them, winning attitudes, proper dress for an interview and what kind of salaries to expect.

When we approached the subject of money, we entered a whole new realm of reality. The young suburban people working on their school project could not understand why none of the urban youngsters wanted to work at a fast food establishment, or how someone so young could make \$5,000 a day. You see, they were from an affluent community where although crime and drugs do exist, their life styles and means of survival are not comparable with that of inner city youths who are participants in this drug rehabilitation program.

Respectfully, one of the participants began to give these young suburbanites a lesson in life. He explained the difference in the economic health of the location and clientele who patronize these establishments. I began to feel quite proud of this young man for the way he conducted himself on the issue. Often times we underestimate the intelligence of our young people, and are quick to form negative pictures of them.

One of the other questions a subur-

banite asked was "Why did you get involved with drugs?" "Don't you have programs after school to keep you busy and off the streets?" A frequent answer besides the need for finances was, "Once I'm out of school, each day there is nothing else to do but hang out, and one thing leads to another." This brought about another topic on activities available in the schools and community. Many of our city's youth do not have after school programs to get involved in, or recreational facilities to play in, or jobs to go to, so they are left with empty, nonproductive time on their hands.

We can not continue to blame our youngsters for their down falls. Instead we have to continue to get involved in what our children are doing with their spare time, turning off the televisions, stereos, and V.C.R.'s and turning on the minds of our future leaders. It is our job to put our young people on the right path of life, and when they fall, we must pick them up, and start again, the way someone may have done for us.

There are plenty of positive productive young people who may have made the wrong turn, and need help from our schools, churches, government and community leaders, family members and the community at large.

We must continue to fight for and educate our young people. Remind them of who they are and their heritage. Teach them about the men and women who fought and died for our rights and freedom, making it possible for us to achieve the goals we set for ourselves and families. Just think where we would be if no one turned us around when we made a wrong turn. A nightmare to even think about.

The Employment Center will continue to help our youth with counseling, employment education and job placements, but we all must do our share.

Joyce G. Bates  
Youth Employment Counselor

**Thanks For A Wonderful Season!**  
**We're Proud Of You**  
**Seton Hall Pirates**

# Security Corner

## Officer Of The Month

Security Officer Robert Booker has been selected as Officer of the Month for March, 1989. Officer Booker, a two year veteran of the New Community Security Department was chosen because of his loyalty and unselfish dedication to duty. A former Navy man and the father of three girls — twins seven years old and a two year old — he is a proud member of the elite NCC Security Honor Guard, a position he enjoys, because as he puts it "it keeps me in touch with my military past and experiences."

Officer Booker, who is a quiet but effective individual is assigned to St.

Joseph Plaza, 233 West Market Street. Officer Booker is a person who can always be relied upon to do the job and do it well. He maintains his uniform in top condition at all times and wears it with great pride.

Born in Neptune, New Jersey, his family moved to Newark when he was very young and he attended the Newark public schools.

Officer Booker was presented with a plaque from the NCC Department of Security and the Katzin's Uniform Company of Newark, who is co-sponsor of the program, in acknowledgment of his achievement.



S/O Robert Booker receives his Officer of the Month award from Assistant Director Errol Adams.

## Color Guard Active

On Sunday, March 19, 1989, the New Community Security Color Guard marched in the fifty-fourth St. Patrick's Day Parade, held in the Vailsburg section of Newark.

The unit carried both the American Flag and that of New Community Corporation, as they marched proudly along the parade route that began at Fourtond Street and Sanford Avenue. On this brisk but sunny day, they marched north on Sanford Avenue, then turned west onto South Orange Avenue.

The Color Guard came to a halt at the reviewing stand, and on the commands of Officer Murray, commander of the group, they made a right wheel.

turn, came to a halt and presented the colors in salute to the Grand Marshal and honored guests in the reviewing stand.

The unit was greeted very warmly at both reviewing stands and continuously cheered as they marched in an ever lively military manner. One reviewing stand was at Sandford Avenue and South Orange Avenue, the other was on South Orange Avenue near Seton Hall University. Members of the Color Guard Unit are: Allan Murray, Commander, and Security Officers Lorne Ragin, Laurence Thompson and Samuel Bell.

## Assistant Director Becomes Instructor

Congratulations to the Security Department's Assistant Director, Errol Adams, who has recently completed and passed the United States Army's Instructor's Training Course at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Mr. Adams, who is a United States Army reservist with the rank of Sergeant First-Class, is a member of the 78th Division Training Group.

As a prerequisite to completing the course, he was requested to make three presentations of ten, twenty, and thirty minutes, which also included lesson plans.

Assistant Director Adams was awarded a Certificate of Training from the Department of the Army.

The Security Department is proud of his accomplishment.

## New Community Federal Credit Union

### For Your Information

To all members:

The New Community Federal Credit Union must schedule the annual membership meeting sometime in May.

Please call the credit union by April 14th to inform us the weekday and time of day you prefer for the meeting. Call 623-2800 exts. 208, 209, 296, and ask for Joe or Linda.

Remember that the deadline for filing your federal tax return is Monday, April 17, 1989. If you file Form 1040EZ or 1040A and do not know how to file your taxes, your credit union manager would like to help you file your taxes free of charge.

Your credit union cares!!!

**NCUA**

## Black History Notes

Researched By James E. DuBose

### Ludwig Von Beethoven (1770-1827)

Ludwig Von Beethoven was black. Born in Bonn, Germany, he was considered to be one of the world's greatest composers.

Frederick Hertz, a noted German anthropologist, in his book "Race and Civilization", refers twice to Beethoven's "Negroid traits, and his dark hair and flat thick nose."

Intimate acquaintances of Beethoven described him as a "short, stocky, broad shouldered person, with a short neck, round nose and blackish-brown complexion."

The most faithful picture of Beethoven's head, shows him with wide thick-lipped mouth, short thick nose and proudly arched forehead. In short the general description of Beethoven, even to his frizzy hair,

### Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

The immortal Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) another of the world's greatest composers and Beethoven's teacher, was also a man of color.

At an incident at Kismarten or Eisenstadt, Hungary, the residence of Prince Nicholas Esterhazy (who was of a noble Hungarian family of artistic origin, many of whom held prominent places in Hungarian history down to recent history), Prince Esterhazy in the middle of the first allegro of Haydn's symphony, asked the name of the composer — and Haydn was brought forward.

When the Prince saw Haydn, he exclaimed, "What, this music is by a blackamoor?" He continued on to state "Well, my fine blackamoor, henceforward, thou art in my service."

Haydn's complexion gave room for the sarcasm. He was given the title

fits that of many an Afro-American or West Indian mulatto.

It is written that in the Southern States of old, Beethoven would have been forced to ride in the Jim-Crow-car.

Beethoven's family originated in Belgium, which had been ruled for centuries by the Spaniards. There were a large number of black soldiers in the Spanish army.

Beethoven wrote all forms of vocal and instrumental music. In his great mass of work only a few of the most familiar can be mentioned. He wrote the piano solo known as the Moonlight Sonata (one of thirty-two sonatas) and countless other works. He also wrote one opera, "Fidelio."

### Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

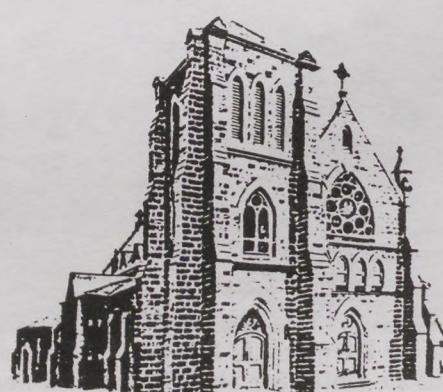
of "second professor of music," but his new comrades called him "The Moor." Beethoven is known to have had more of the "moor" in his features than his master, Haydn. Until recent times the German word for Negro was Mohr.

Nationally acclaimed syndicated reporter, Jack Anderson, noted the race of both Beethoven and Haydn as being black in a recent editorial column in the Newark Star Ledger.

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## Autumn Stages Entertain Medical Day Care

On March 1, 1989 the Activities Department and Medical Day Care held a joint party. They were entertained through song and dance by a group called Autumn Stages, an assemblage of seniors that live in the upper Montclair area. The residents really enjoyed the singing, dancing and dramatization presented by the

group. It brought back a lot of old memories.

The pictures shown are of the Autumn Stages performers, Mr. Ron Burgess the Activity Director and Medical Day Care Coordinator Mrs. Mary Powell, working together for a great cause.



The Autumn Stages senior citizens recently performed for the residents of our Extended Care Facility and Medical Day Care participants.



## PIZZA PARLOUR AT NEW COMMUNITY EXTENDED CARE

In the community cafeteria at the New Community Extended Care Facility, you can now order fresh, hot delicious pizza TO GO OR EAT IN.

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## Who Will Help?

The New Community Extended Care Facility needs volunteers.

- Can you read a short mystery to a 70 year old who once enjoyed reading but can no longer see the words in the book?
- Will you sit and talk with a lovely greatgrandmother who has lost partial recall, but enjoys the company of people who aren't always in a hurry?

• Can you share an interesting experience of your life with a typical, talkative grandfather, who, before arthritis interfered, had interesting experiences of his own that he'd love to share with you?

• Will you conduct a bingo game and award the prizes to an excited 80 year old winner whose legs have not been functional for many years?

• Can you take the frail hand of a former marathon runner and escort him out into the warm sunshine for a very slow walk?

Can you, will you? If so, we need you. We need volunteers.

New Community Extended Care Facility needs loving, caring in-

dividuals who are genuinely concerned about the happiness of senior citizens.

The activities department at Extended Care under the direction of Mr. Rob Burgess, provides a variety of activities, socials and functions designed to motivate, stimulate, and simply help our residents to realize that enjoyment in life is still available to them.

As an Extended Care Volunteer you can help to reinforce that reality. You can make a difference in our seniors' lives by donating just a few hours of your time, at your convenience.

We have been very successful in many areas of activities in our facility but our continued success depends upon the happiness of our residents.

Help guarantee success: VOLUNTEER!

Please contact Ron Burgess, Activities Director, New Community Extended Care Facility, 266 S. Orange Avenue, Newark, N.J. 07103 or call (201) 624-2020 for any additional information.

## Outstanding Food Service Employee

Bill Hines, Sandwich Shop waiter has made it to the top again. He has been a reliable part of the coffee shop operation for one and one-half years now.

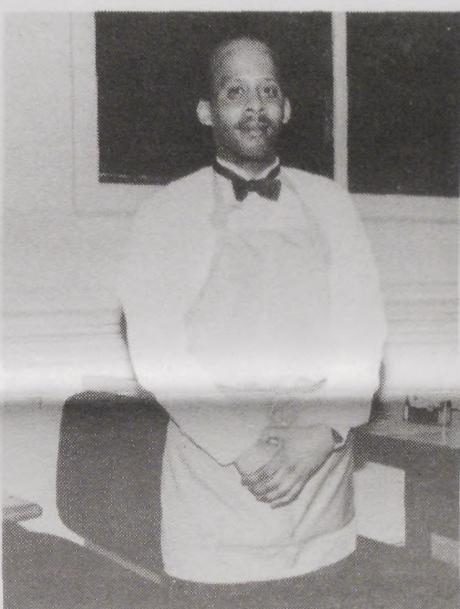
Bill came to New Community after 10 years in the Coast Guard and three years catering and cooking for American Airlines.

A local man, he graduated from Queen of Angels Grammar School and Essex Catholic High School.

Bill has experienced first hand the rapid growth of NCC in the community and the way they have helped so many people.

He came to work here because he truly enjoys meeting people, and serving them. His sense of humor surfaces quickly, and his is known to many as the "comedy waiter." There is even a rumor that he has requested Mr. Nat (the manager of NCC's food operations at St. Joseph Plaza) pay him for clowning in addition to waiting tables. Watch out Ringling Brothers!

Bill's reputation as a waiter is nothing to kid about though — many customers seek him out. He was chosen for the outstanding employee



Bill Hines

honor because he is consistently hard-working, requires minimum supervision and uses his own initiative a lot. He is great with guest service and satisfaction. He also has excellent timekeeping and attendance records.

Bill was Outstanding Employee in September 1988 too. Congratulations!

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## Babyland IV Spaces Are Full

Babyland IV has a full house! The enrollment totals 10 children - 5 girls and 5 boys ranging in age from seven months to three years.

We have been visited by many special people among them Bishop Joseph Francis from the Archdiocese of Newark. Bishop Francis and St. Rose of Lima principal, Art Wilson arrived at the Center just in time for our St. Patrick's Day Party. They joined the parents and Sister Suzanne Janis in playing Pictionary. Everyone was delighted with their visit, especially the children.

Volunteers from West Orange, New Providence, Bloomfield, Montclair, Cedar Grove, Seton Hall, Rutgers and NJIT have been extremely helpful in coming to care for the children. The services offered by the volunteers are invaluable to the staff at Babyland IV. Their time and energy are deeply appreciated.

Along with the volunteers we have been blessed with many generous donations. The center was in need of blinds for the front window. Within two days of ordering the blinds, donations were received to pay the bill. Surely, the scripture passage, "ask and you shall receive," is alive for us



Bishop Francis enjoyed a game while visiting Babyland IV.

at Babyland IV.

In preparation for Easter, the Easter bunny hopped by the Center to help the children find the Easter Eggs that they colored the day before. The children glowed with delight and wonder to see such an unusual character before their eyes.

Each day at Babyland IV is filled with joy and excitement. The children as well as the adults make the most of their time spent at the Center.



NCC President Art Wilson, Parent Child Extension Center Director Sr. Mary Lou Madden, Sr. Clare Elton and Bishop Joseph Francis pose in the reception area of Babyland IV.

### In The Spotlight:

## Billie Sanders

A steady hand in our finance department is Ms. Billie Sanders.

Billie came to New Community in 1981 when the finance department was still located in a former conference room of the fledgling NCC ad-

and accounting courses at Rutgers to her credit. She will be tackling that degree again soon.

Billie worked for the Newark Housing Authority from 1965 to 1981 starting in as a cashier. She was the first



Billie Sanders goes about her work in New Community's finance office located in St. Joseph Plaza.

ministration office at 755 South Orange Avenue.

Ms. Sanders came to Newark as an infant and went to Newton Street School, Robert Treat and Westside High School. In 1965 she received her GED from the State of New Jersey and she also has a year of business

to work in Central Rent Collection and went on to computer work.

Joe Chaneyfield used to talk to her about New Community as did people from the State. When an opening came up, she applied.

She is the mother of three grown children, one of whom, a daughter,

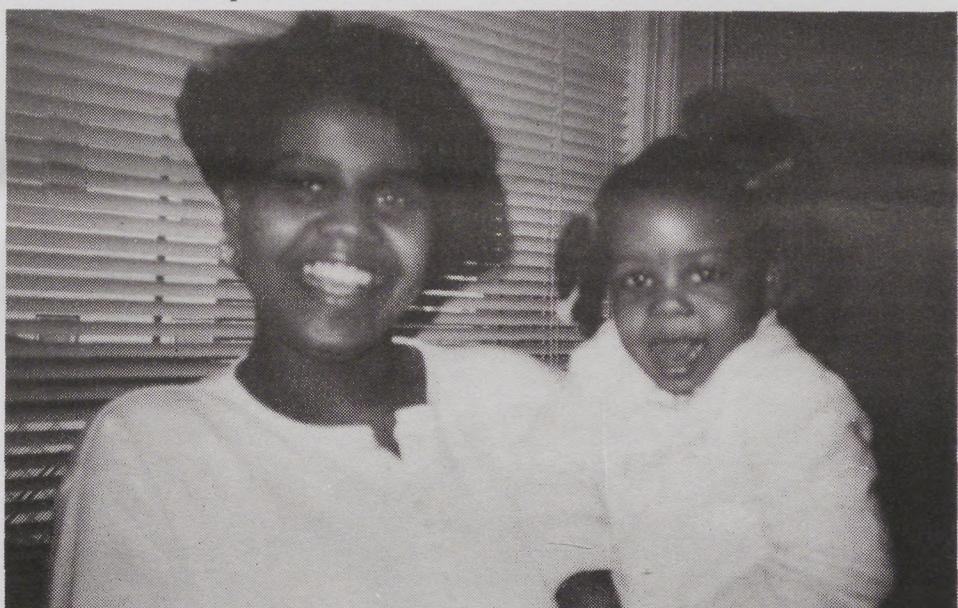
## Babyland Teen Of The Month

My name is Denise Snead. I'm a senior at Irvington High School, graduating in the top half of my class. My daughter Shakerrah is two years old and attends Babyland Nursery. The teen mother program of Babyland has been one of the best things to happen for my daughter and me. The program provides daycare for Shakerrah while I am attending school. In return I put in seven hours

best.

The daycare given to my child is just about the best you can ask for. The children are picked up and brought home on a school bus. They are given breakfast, lunch and a snack. Shakerrah has learned her alphabet, several nursery rhymes, and can count to ten. Babyland even helped me "potty train" my daughter.

As a whole, the teen mother pro-



Denise Snead and her daughter Shakerrah obviously enjoy life and the program at Babyland.

of volunteer work at the nursery each week after school.

There are workshops and/or rap sessions every Monday and Wednesday. These workshops are very informative and can be a lot of fun. At Babyland there is always someone there you can talk to, tell your problems to, or the good things that happen to you, and even just chat.

The two people at Babyland who have influenced me most have been Sister Clare and Denise Baskerville, because they keep the program and all of us girls in order. Also, they give us that extra push to strive for our

gram is a great program. Any teen mother who has the chance to participate in the program should take advantage of that chance. Also, all teen mothers should remember what we are taught in our program — that you can succeed with a child just as you can without, if what you want is success.

P.S. Denise has been chosen TEEN of the Month by Babyland's Head Start Program. We are proud of her and all our girls!

Sister Clare Elton  
Director-Teenage Parent Program

## Bunny Making Time!



Sr. Helene Truiett and Sharif share some precious moments with their Easter bunny project.

has a B.A. in child psychology from Rutgers and a certificate from N.J.I.T. in interior design as well as an M.A. in social work from Columbia University. Billie's brother is a lawyer so academics are an important part of family life.

When she is not at her desk in St. Joseph Plaza a good guess at where she is would be Hawaii, since she loves to travel and is partial to the beautiful Hawaiian weather and culture, as well as the fast paced night life. All that brings her back to New Community refreshed and ready for another go at the finance department.

She is an outstanding, reliable part of NCC and we appreciate that.

## Health Insurance Lecture

A lecture designed to help eliminate the confusion surrounding health insurance costs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 19, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Center for Environmental Studies, 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland.

The lecture will be presented by a representative from the Essex County Division on Aging. Information will be provided in an effort to explain the many options and types of health insurance available. There will also be a question and answer period following the talk.

Advance registration is required and there is a suggested voluntary donation of \$2.00.

## Reflections:

### A Hands On Experience

In some of my articles, I tend to be repetitive, but that ain't bad, for it restates things that might make for better child rearing. Let us get back to good old Ivory soap. How often is it stressed that "colds" are more often transmitted by hands than by coughing or sneezing.

I don't know of a better example of hand transmission of disease than pinworms. Under age 5 it is often in epidemic proportions because children tend to keep putting their fingers in the mouth. The pinworm crawls out of the rectum and lays eggs around the anal margin. The material which the worm secretes to hold the egg causes itching. The child scratches the area, transmits the eggs to the fingers and touches an object; a ball, table, chair, whatsoever and thence another child touches the said object and a new source of infestation is created.

The frequentness of hand washing would do much to cut down on the "colds," "worms," etc. Notify your doctor if the child has pinworms. There are many drugs on the market



Dr. Paul  
Kearney

that are specific for treatment.

Might I relate the story of the mother who stated that her daughter was having nightmares from watching TV. I told her of the possibility of pinworms in girls. The worm crawls out the rectum and climbs into the vagina. It is an excellent cause of nightmares, and in this case the T.V. was not the cause.

Just looking with a flashlight at the rectum and vagina in the night time will reveal the culprits. I have had many a father who gave up on changing diapers since such labor gave him a fierce dose of worms. You just can't beat the Ivory. Its use would have spared 'Dear Old Daddy.'

Paul Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.C.P.  
Medical Director  
Babyland Nursery, Inc.

## Social Security News

### No Need To Pay For Social Security Information

People in the Essex County area have been receiving direct mail solicitations asking that they pay \$7.00 to join an organization that says it will provide many services related to Social Security, Ms. Catherine G. Christoff, Social Security Manager in Newark, said recently.

First, Ms. Christoff said, there is no need to pay any firm money to obtain any of the services provided by Social Security.

In return for the \$7.00 payment, this firm offers to provide a statement of a person's earnings covered by Social Security, a plastic Social Security card, and a guide to Social Security.

Any person can obtain a statement of Social Security covered earnings without paying anybody. All a person has to do is call any Social Security office and ask for a request form.

### Survivor Benefit Payable

Social Security benefits can be paid to many survivors of workers who die after having worked long enough in work covered by Social Security, Ms. Catherine G. Christoff, Social Security manager in Newark, said recently.

These survivors include the worker's unmarried children under 18, under 19 if a full-time high school student or over 18 if disabled before reaching 22; a parent caring for a child under 16 or disabled who gets benefits; a widow or widower 60 or older, or 50 or older if severely disabled; and dependent parents 62 or older.

In addition, a surviving divorced wife or husband can generally get the same benefits as a widow or widower if the marriage to the worker lasted 10 years or more.

A lump-sum payment of \$255 can be made to the worker's eligible widow or widower, or, if none, to the worker's child entitled to benefits.

It is important for survivors to apply

After completing the form and mailing it, the person will receive the statement in a few weeks. This firm can do no more.

In addition, there is no need for a plastic or metal Social Security card, Ms. Christoff said. It is of no use for Social Security purposes. The Social Security number card issued by the Social Security Administration is the only official card and should be used whenever a Social Security card is needed.

People can obtain many publications about Social Security free at any Social Security office. Just call any office and ask, Ms. Christoff said.

Free information about Social Security and free Social Security cards can be obtained at the Newark Social Security office located at 970 Broad Street. Just call 1-800-2345-SSA.

ly for benefits as soon as possible after the worker's death. This is especially important for widows and widowers under 65 because benefits cannot generally be paid before the month of application.

When applying, survivors should have their own and the worker's Social Security cards or a record of the numbers, birth certificates for any eligible children, marriage certificate, proof of the worker's death, proof of age for the widow or widowers, and Form W-2 or self-employment tax return for the past year. Parents 62 or older will need to show they were dependent on the worker for their support.

For more information about Social Security survivor benefits or about other Social Security benefits, contact the Newark Social Security office, located at 970 Broad Street. The telephone number is 800-2345-SSA or (800-234-5772).

### CALL FOR HELP

Is your husband or boyfriend abusing you? You are not alone — it happens a lot. There's a number you can call 24 hours a day where people are available to help you explore your feelings and plans. All calls are kept confidential.

Don't let this situation continue. **NO ONE DESERVES TO BE BEATEN!**

Call Babyland's Essex County Family Violence Project at 484-4446. In the Caldwell area, call PEACE at 226-6166.

## FOOT FACTS:

### All The King's Men

Office Hours at St. Joseph's Plaza  
9-12 Mon.

9-12 every 2nd & 4th Sat.

Gout is clearly one of the most graphic examples of how the mighty are struck low.

A painful inflammation of the joints caused by an excess of uric acid in the blood, gout has historically been known as the disease of kings.

Now that more is known about the debilitating ailment, it can be treated or even avoided entirely by close attention to diet, stress and alcohol intake. However, more than 1.8 million Americans, mostly middle-age men, are bothered by the disease.

Gout is one of the 100 types of arthritis. It occurs when too much uric acid — hyperuricemia — forms tiny crystals in the joints. The movement of these crystals triggers a gout attack.

The attack, inflammation and throbbing pain in a joint, usually the big toe, often begins at night. The joint becomes quite swollen and the skin darkens almost to purple and feels feverishly hot.

The initial attack may last just a few days. **This is the time to find out if it is indeed gout.** Left untreated, gout can affect other joints, with the buildup of uric crystals forming rock-like structures and causing permanent bone damage.

The test for gout involves the podiatrist examining the blood sample under a microscope for the presence of uric acid. Several drugs are used for treatment, and your podiatrist will recommend the one suited to your case.

Lifestyle Changes can help reduce

Dr. Kenneth  
Frank  
Podiatrist



the buildup of uric acid and eliminate or reduce the severity of gout attacks. Carefully controlled diet, elimination of the use of alcohol, and moderate exercise, are essential to the control of gout.

Dr. Frank recommends reduction of foods rich in purine nitrogen from the normal dietary allowance of 600 to 1000 mg per day to less than 150 mg during the gout attack. Foods with excessive amounts of purine nitrogen, the element that forms uric acid, include: anchovies, asparagus, brains, consomme, gravies, heart, herring, kidney, liver, meat extracts, mincemeat, mushrooms, mussels, roe, sardines, scallops, and sweetbreads. Drinking more fluids — several glasses of water a day — can help dilute the harmful effects of uric acid and help the kidney excrete it. Gout is rare in women until after menopause, when hormonal changes can cause an increase in uric acid. It is also rare in men under age 30.

A condition that occurs in women mimics gout in symptoms, diagnosis and treatment. It is referred to as pseudo gout and responds well to dietary changes and an increase in water intake.

There's only one thing positive to be said for a sufferer of gout, "You're not in bad company." Many great men have been so afflicted, including Alexander the Great, Benjamin Franklin, Henry VIII, Leonardo da Vinci, Michaelangelo, Martin Luther, Sir Isaac Newton, and John Milton.

## ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE

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## Substance Abuse Information Session

*A special meeting with representatives of the*

**Drug and Alcohol Abuse Center of Essex County College**

*will be held on*

**APRIL 12, 1989** at 6:30 P.M.

at

**NC COMMONS PAVILION - 298 Morris Avenue**

*Sponsored by the NCC Homes and Commons Family Committees  
Managers Suzanne Rhodes and Sylvia Johnston*

This meeting should be very informative and very enlightening. You will learn what is now available to residents of Newark. You will learn what to look for when you suspect drug problems within your neighborhood and in your own home. We feel you may be looking at things and are not quite certain exactly what you are looking at.

This program should leave no doubt. You can't correct a problem if you don't know you have a problem. And if you do have a problem, then it is best to know how to handle it. There are alternatives available.

**Support Groups and Self-Help** groups are also being formed to help fight the "War on Drugs." We need you there to lend your support. Important information on the position of the Landlord/Tenant relationship will also be made available. Landlords may no longer have to keep tenants where there is **suspected drug dealing going on** — find out more — come to this very important meeting.

**Elizabeth F. Dougherty, D.M.D. and Audrey Malone, D.M.D.**

**Dentistry for Adults and Children**

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**New Community Extended Care Facility  
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# Your Values Influence Your Life

Value means essentially worth; that which makes life worth living; the guiding life purpose that gives meaning to life. Values have to do with rules of conduct and habitual devotion to beliefs and practices. Man is a value-choosing and value-transmitting creature reflected in the questions he puts to life, the assessments (valuations) of worth that he makes to guide him in life-choices and decisions, the structuring of worth he seeks to impose on the flux of experience and relations with others, and the ways in which he seeks meaning in his life. The family does much in value formations and is a chief agent acting on the child in his most formative years. The school; the peer group; work relationship; leisure involvement; and belief system, to include religion, faith, and commitment, however inchoate and syncretic, furnish a setting for shaping values.

Man has a tendency to look at the external, get caught up in the wrapping, while God looks at the internal and focuses on the gift, the substance inside. In life, where man failed to have God in the right perspective and Christ in the nucleus of his plans, he has been distorted in his purpose, direction, meaning, and the eternal connected with life.

The meaning of life is not to be found in the acquisition of knowledge per se, material acquisitions, or sensual pleasures. In that values guide, give purpose and meaning that affect one's life and the nature of one's priorities, values influence the kind of life one lives and the quality of it. Negative values have been known to lead to a life of unhappiness and destruction.

The values of the materialist are

that the highest objectives of life lie in accumulating and possessing things, and that objects make one happy and satisfied, but the lives of their ardent adherents belie that philosophy. The value of the hedonist is that pleasure is the sole or chief good in life, but King Solomon, a sexual athlete, who had one thousand wives and mistresses, found that his sensuality and disobedience to the monotheistic ideal brought him no meaningful satisfaction but personal disillusionment.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, the writer, the Preacher, examines life from all angles to see where satisfaction can be found, and after much labor concludes that God alone holds the key, and man must submit to God's commands. Loyalty to God and His word is the greatest value to influence one's life. Joshua, Moses' personal assistant, formally consecrated as Moses' successor to military leadership had the value of loyalty to God, and in the interest of unified efforts of Israel, testified, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, (Joshua 24:15). God permitted Joshua to go into Caanan, the promised land.

Job, a man of great wealth and high social position, had the value of loyalty to and trust in God; and robbed by Satan of his wealth, his ten children, and finally his health, and then told by his wife to curse God because of his plight, cried out "though He slay me, yet will I trust Him," (Job 13:15). God healed Job, doubled his wealth, and blessed him with ten children.

Remember, it wasn't raining when Noah was building his ark, but Noah

obeyed God nevertheless, and prepared for the flood.

Man, morally weak, emotionally vulnerable, and spiritually deplete, an enigma to himself and void of purpose in a roiling incubation of life, is like clay in a carnal corral to be shaped on a potter's wheel of labor pains. But, clay can't shape itself; it needs the skillful hands of a potter and Isaiah 64:8 tells us that, "God is our Potter," One who can mold man into a beautiful being. II Corinthians 5:17 affirms this, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

When man's values change, man's life changes. He is no longer the character he once was. He is perceived differently — talks, acts, and reacts differently. His priorities are not the same. Things he once deemed important and primary are no longer of consequence. He has a new set of criteria by which to evaluate, and he has a new direction in which to go. Like the words of an old hymn, "once was lost, but now I'm found; Once was blind, but now I see," he sees life differently: once was selfish, but now compassionate; life once was chartless, but now planned toward a worthy goal; life once was void of real meaning, now engrossed in hope and real fulfillment.

A good seed in good soil brings forth good fruit, and so good value influences for good life. "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life," (Proverbs 4:23). Paraphrased, "keep your values with all diligence, for by them your life is influenced." In order to live a moral, upstanding life, with faith in and hope for an everlasting

life to come, it is imperative to seek and have good values, for your values influence your life. And, the way to the good life is foretold in John 14:6, "Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life." Without the "Way", there is no going; without the "Truth", there is no knowing, and without the "Life", there is no living.

Your values influence your life.

Lewis Graves  
Springfield Branch  
Newark Public Library

## Local Magician To Entertain

Local magician and illusionist, Phil Jennings, will appear as part of Essex County's Cherry Blossom Celebration, on Sunday, April 23, at 2:30 p.m., on the Concert Green adjacent to the Branch Brook Park Visitors Center, Park Road, in Branch Brook Park.

Jennings developed his interest in magic at the age of 8. Since that time, he has developed some of the most entertaining classical and modern effects of magic. He has gone beyond the traditional presentation of magic to create a unique style with magic performed to contemporary jazz and African music. Included in his repertoire is the use of live animals, flowers, money and fire effects.

In addition to Jennings, the afternoon's program which begins at 11:30 a.m., includes the Garden State Concert Band, featuring Aemiko Inuma, the Sahomi Tachibana Dance Troupe and the Union County Aikikai.

The day's program, presented by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, is free and open to the public.

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- St. Rose School Employee
- St. Rose School Parent

- St. Rose Church Member
- Extended Health Care Facility Employee
- New Community Resident
- Gateway Cable Employee
- Community FoodBank Employee

Members of your family are also entitled to join the Credit Union. You can obtain personal and car loans at lower interest rates than most banks and other financial institutions.

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For more information come into St. Joseph Plaza, 233 West Market Street, Newark, New Jersey or call (201) 623-2800 Exts. 208, 209 or 296 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

**TAKE ACTION**

# Focus on FAMILIES

March was an exciting month for residents of NC Families Housing. On the 8th, new officers of The Families Advisory Council were sworn in. Promising to serve the community faithfully for the next year were Vice-President Patricia Pierce; Secretaries Clara Galbreath and Mae

ween each housing complex, Social Services, and the leadership of NCC.

The residents of NC Manor Families, 225 Hunterdon Street had elections on the 21st. New officers of the 225 Tenants' Organization are: Orelia Stevens, President; Dolores Johnson, Vice-President; Dorothy Kelly, Secretary; Marilyn Reed, Treasurer; Laura Caine, Sergeant-At-Arms; Doris Hinton, Chaplain, and Lottie Usry, Head Floor Captain.

Floor Captains are: Lottie Usry, First Floor; Gwen Robinson, Second Floor; Domita Davis and Annie



Newly elected members of the NCC Families Advisory Council are left to right: Secretary Clara Galbreath, Treasurer Alma Major, Secretary Mae Harper, Vice President Patricia Pierce, Business Manager Georgia Willis. Not shown are: President Bertha Brown, Treasurer Annie Obley and Chaplain Eleanor Smith.

Harper; Treasurer Alma Major; and Sergeant at Arms/Business Manager Georgia Willis. Present in spirit but not in body were Bertha Brown, President; Annie Obley, Treasurer; and Eleanor Smith, Chaplain.

The Families Advisory Council assists Social Services by identifying needs and problems in each housing complex; assists with the development of new programs, services and policies; supports, monitors and evaluates existing ones and makes recommendations for improvement or change; and serves as a liaison bet-

Latham, Third Floor; Beverly Jackson, Fourth Floor, and Robin Goosby, Fifth Floor. Is 225 organized or what?

We are expecting great things from these two groups of enthusiastic and competent leaders.

Social Services has a new worker for Families: Emma Jean Miller Cirlin - Jean Miller as she likes to be called. On board not quite a month; she's already making her presence felt in NC Homes and Commons Families. Welcome, Jean!

Sr. Mary Ellen



Seen at a recent Families Advisory Council meeting were Pat Hulon and Nettie Smith; Leslie Galbreath and Felicia Floyd.

## A CHANGE OF PACE



ST. JOSEPH PLAZA  
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Relax in the quaint atmosphere of the Atrium in St. Joseph's Plaza. Enjoy a delicious buffet including chilled wine, beer and many of your other favorite drinks.

For your listening pleasure piano selections by Duke Anderson accompanied by Emily Ross, vocalist.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL**  
From 4:30 P.M. until 10 P.M.  
**SCRUMPTIOUS BUFFET**

Cash Bar

## Fire Inspector Gives Safety Talk At NC Gardens



Newark Fire Inspector Sheldon Harris shared safety tips during his presentation to the residents of 265 Gardens.

Surviving a fire in a high rise apartment is possible if you know what to do.

Newark Fire Inspector Sheldon Harris visited NC Gardens Seniors at 265 So. Orange Avenue to give them some reassuring tips on what to look for and how to react if an emergency should occur in one of their buildings.

One of the first things to remember is the old adage "where there's smoke there's fire." It is not unfounded and smelling smoke is a good reason to call the fire department immediately. SMOKE KILLS! In serious fires most people die from smoke inhalation. The Newark Fire Department's number is 733-7400.

Instead of going to the elevator or roof they learned, you should go to the exit stairs or assigned safe areas **BELOW THE FIRE** to be safe. Elevators and roofs are hard to rescue people from.

We've listed more of the tips revealed in a Fire Department pamphlet designed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey and printed courtesy of Prudential Insurance Company in cooperation with the Newark Fire Department.

### What to know ahead of time:

1. Two escape exits other than elevators. (Elevators are automatically recalled to ground floor and stay there.)
2. How to sound the alarm and call the fire department.
3. The difference between the sound of the fire alarm and other signals in the building.
4. The fire escape plans of your company or building.
5. Safe areas in your building. (Not the roof — rescue is unlikely.)
6. The phone number of the local fire department.

### When to call the fire department:

1. When you see even a wisp of smoke.
2. When you smell even a little smoke.
3. When you spot even a small fire.

**What to do after you call the fire department:**

1. Sound the fire alarm in the hall.
2. Get family or co-workers out or go to safe areas if told to do so.
3. Know your alternate exits.

**What to do if exits are blocked by fire, heat or poisonous gas:**

1. Stay calm. That way you will think and take the right action.
2. Put closed doors between you and the smoke and heat. Seal off cracks around door and vents. Do not lock door behind you.
3. Find a room with an outside window. Open it at top and bottom.
4. Signal out the window. Use the phone to tell the fire department where you are, even if they're already on the scene.
5. In smoke, crawl, don't walk.

**How you can prevent a fire:**

1. Smoke only where permitted.
2. Use big ashtrays and dispose of ashes only when they are cold.
3. Check up after smokers for "live" butts in wastecans and upholstery.
4. Look for electrical equipment that isn't working right or smells funny. Strange odors from appliances or lights can be the first sign of fire.
5. Don't overload wall outlets.
6. Keep heat-producing devices away from things that burn.
7. Assign someone to make sure all appliances are turned off when people are about to leave the building.
8. Store and use flammable liquids according to safety regulations. Clean up spills.
9. Trash is fuel for a fire. Throw it out.

## St. Patrick's Dinner Dance



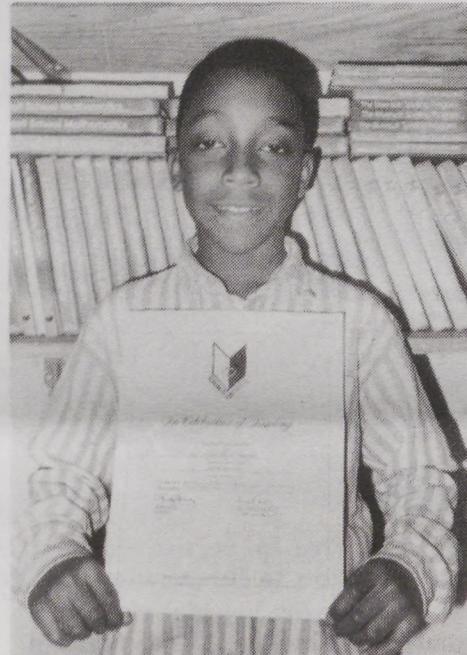
L: Roseville seniors Ada Ortiz, Lou DeGroat, Julia Williams and Adie Hamilton enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance last month. R: Bette Cortese and Bill Fried celebrate the moment.

## At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

### Young Readers Show Off

The sizzling hot readers are showing off, and they have every right to after their outstanding reading efforts in the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), "In Celebration Of Reading" weeks. For two weeks in February, from the 12th to the 25th, the After-School Program members at 220 Bruce Street and St. Rose of Lima School read on their own for as many hours as they could. Each child had a quota to shoot for according to his or her grade level, and those at the Bruce Street site that accomplished their goals received a T-shirt displaying the actual amount of hours that they read. "I felt that the kids deserved a prize that would remind them of the accomplishment," said Scott Santarosa, After School Program Coordinator, Bruce Street site and designer of the T-shirts. They, along with all of the participants at both sites received participating



David Hepburn



These happy readers show off their RIF tee shirts.

certificates.

A random drawing was held at each site to select the NCC/RIF Projects RIF readers. David Hepburn from the Bruce Street site, John McMillan and Naimah Clairborne from St. Rose School site were selected. The three children were given prizes, and official RIF Reader certificates. As only one name could be submitted for the St. Rose School site Naimah Clairbone was randomly selected to represent St. Rose.

David and Naimah's official entry blanks were submitted to the National Drawing to be held in Washington, D.C. where the 1989 Na-

tional RIF Reader will be randomly selected from entries from across the country. The winner will receive a \$500.00 U.S. savings Bond, a trip to D.C. with his/her parents and an assortment of prizes during the special festivities during Reading Is Fun week, April 23-29.

Mowbrey McKinley-Green, the NCC/RIF Project Coordinator states "I am quite anxious to see one of our children selected to be the National RIF Reader. However, every child in our project is a winner as they are learning that reading is not only fundamental, but fun!"



Naimah Clairborne and John McMillan of St. Rose of Lima School receive their RIF certificates from staff member Mr. Richard Proctor.

### Youth Spreads The Good News

The Clarion staff does an excellent job putting into print all the latest news and happenings of New Community Corporation. But you still would not be able to read about these things if the paper was not delivered directly to you. And thus, many of us would not be reading this article at all if it were not for the hard work of the Youth Council, and members of the Youth Department.

Every month, sometime between



Youth Council and Youth Department members help prepare the Clarion for distribution each month.

the first and tenth of each month, Security delivers a truckload of papers to the hallway outside the Youth Department. That's when members of the Youth Council know that it is time to work.

In order to reach those of you who live outside of New Community Housing, **The Clarion** will travel via the U.S. Mail. From the computers of the Social Services Department, literally thousands of mailing sleeves are printed up. These are then sorted mainly by Yolanda Curry of the Youth Department, according to state, city and zip code. Then, the Youth Council steps in. Each council member has a certain amount of sleeves inside which he or she must wrap the Clarions, then sort these into bundles of between ten and twenty. "It's a big job, but with our new

system of having each kid do a certain amount, last month was our quickest month," said Yolanda Curry, who is the chief organizer of the Clarion mailing process. After this, the bundles are grouped together in sacks according to zip code, and these usually number 15 or 16 in total.

The delivery to local residents of New Community housing is largely organized by Eladio Negron, head of

the Youth Department. He usually is able to get some local youngsters to strap a sackful of Clarions around their shoulders and drop a paper in each NCC mailbox or on the doorstep in return for some pizza. "This month, our deliverers will join with the Youth Council for a big pizza party. They really deserve to be rewarded for all their work," said Mr. Negron. Pizza funds, though somewhat limited, come from New Community to recognize the vital work that the youths do.

So remember, this Clarion you're holding has passed through many hands to reach you. And the Youth send their best as they pass the good news on to readers in Newark and across the country.

Scott Santarosa

### After-schoolers Hop To The Hunt

In the lighter spirit of Easter, the After-School Program at 220 Bruce Street once again held its annual Easter Egg hunt. This year the fun took place at the grassy area behind the 72 Hayes Street complex on Thursday, March 23.

The After-Schoolers scurried around and scoured the area for the 40+ brightly colored eggs which they had creatively dyed the day before. Only this day each egg had a number written on it which had not been there the previous day. "What's that for?" many wondered. Soon enough they were to find out.

After the hunt, the group gathered at the front of the building to play relay games and other activities. And finally they found out what the numbers were for. The program coordinator, Scott Santarosa, started pulling pieces of paper out of a hat — and those pieces of paper had numbers written on them. A student with an egg having the same number as a piece of paper drawn from the hat was a winner!

In all, it was a fun Spring-filled day and a good way for the youngsters to get into the spirit of the season.



Jesuit Volunteer Scott Santarosa helps the After School participants prepare eggs for the Easter hunt.

## A Regal Affair

Everyone loves to dress up and have a good time. On March 10th the first King and Queen Black and White Ball was held at St. Rose of Lima School Hall.

The dress code was black and white and the seniors who attended were all elegant. Several New Community Queens were on hand. Rev. Lauvenia Green of 1987 and Mrs. Ora Waters



Sr. Mary Ellen Bennet of NCC's Social Service (standing) and some very important guests at the Black and White Dance pause for a moment during a night of lively dancing and fun.

## Junior Basketball Lives!

Thanks to the nurturing financial support of various New Community departments, the Junior Basketball League is coming to life. Opening day is set for Thursday, March 30th, and features a game between the **NCC Social Services Wildcats and the NCC Administration Eagles**. Other teams and their sponsors are the NCC Management Rebels, NCC Extended Care Sonics, NCC Home Health/Friends 76ers, and the NCC Security Elites.

All games will be played at the Newton Street School Gymnasium until further notice. The schedule is set as the following:

Date	Game	Time
March 30	Wildcats vs. Eagles	5:00 p.m.
April 4	Rebels vs. Sonics	4:00 p.m.
6	76ers' vs. Elites	5:00 p.m.
11	Wildcats vs. Rebels	5:00 p.m.
13	Eagles vs. Sonics	4:00 p.m.
18	Wildcats vs. 76ers	5:00 p.m.
20	All * Star Game	5:00 p.m.
25	Eagles vs. Elites	4:00 p.m.
27	Sonics vs. Elites	5:00 p.m.
May 2	Wildcats vs. 76ers	4:00 p.m.
4	Eagles vs. 76ers	5:00 p.m.
	Rebels vs. Elites	5:00 p.m.

## Busload Sees Circus

Newark Night at the Greatest Show on Earth! Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey brought their circus to the Meadowlands Arena, and at least forty-eight men, women and children of New Community were there to be thrilled by the show. The Youth Department sponsored the trip by renting a bus, and the City of Newark helped with the cost of the admission tickets by providing discount vouchers. "We were going to rent a bus for the After-School children, but we realized that we would have some extra space, so we invited some other local youths and their parents," said Scott Santarosa, After-School Coordinator.

Death-defying trapeze acts, amazingly high tight-rope walks, and of course the great lion tamer Gunther Williams kept all eyes glued to the action-packed three-ring show. "We had some fun," were some of the

## Basketball Game Of The Sexes

The Newton Street/New Community "Small Frys" Boys basketball team faced a new opponent on March 15th — the New Community Girl's team. It was non-stop action from the tip-off, and at the end of the bitter struggle, the boys had chalked up forty-eight points to the girls' thirty-four. Leading scorers for the girls were Keisha Smith and Tashia Howard. For the boys, Khalid Ahmad and Randy Smith led the attack.

The Youth Council sponsored the event at Newton Street School Gymnasium, and they hope to make it an annual event.

1988 really knew how to "cut a rug." Music was provided by a local D.J. "Champ", and there was a bounteous menu of shrimp, baked chicken wings, macaroni and cheese and Swedish meatballs as well as hot and cold beverages.

The dancing was very stimulating. Even those who claimed to not be feeling up to it, got to their feet and rumba'd around the room. The gay feeling was contagious.

The Social Service department was instrumental in helping with serving of the refreshments, ticket taking and raffle sales. Several ceramic door prizes were given away and the mascot prizes of the affair, two black & white bear sets, were won by a visiting guest and Ms. Gwendy Long, both of whom have never won anything before. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales went to the Seniors Bus Fund.

It is hoped that there will be more dances of this type in the future.

Remember anytime is a good time for a party. Come on out and dance.

Joyce Cook

## New Community Celebrates Life: May Is Senior Citizen's Month

### Monday, May 8

Golden Age Club Sponsors a Bake Sale at NC Manor, 545 Orange St., Newark 11-2 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 10

All New Community Senior Buildings will host a "Remember When Day" food sales, fashions and prices from the good old days! For more information call - Ms. Cook - 623-6299.

### Friday, May 12

Seniors Day at St. Joseph Plaza workout at New Beginning Spa and Whirlpool only \$1.00 and specially priced luncheon at the Priory Restaurant. 10-2 p.m.

### Thursday, May 18

Nutrition Site at NC Associates (180

S. Orange Avenue, Newark) Celebrates May Birthdays 12-1 p.m. Lunch \$1.00

### Saturday, May 20

3rd Annual NCC Older American King and Queen Pageant and Cooking Contest at St. Rose of Lima School Auditorium (Orange and Gray Sts., Newark) 3-6 p.m. \$2.50 for children 2 to 12 and seniors \$5.00 all others. Entertainment and refreshments.

### Sunday, May 28

Special Golden Years Mass Celebration at St. Rose of Lima Church (Newark) 10:30 a.m. Mass Service and Brunch immediately following in School Hall.

For all program information contact: Ms. Joyce Cook (201) 623-6299

## A Hunting

Every year spring brings newness and adventure. The season for hunting of various species also begins. Around the Easter season there is a very special hunt which comes to mind which requires skill, nimble fingers, agility and mostly a willingness to have a good time.

The hunt is NC Manor's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year the hunt was held on Saturday, March 18th



Some "bunnies" had a great time at the NC Manor's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

and what a lovely spring almost summer-like day it was.

At noon my helper Andrea and I proceeded with the task of hiding 160 brightly colored hard boiled oval species of fascination. It took almost an hour to strategically distribute them in the Community room and outside along the garden and recreation areas.

The hour of one had arrived and so had 24 enthusiastic hunters each armed with giggles, smiles and plans of executions.

ners in three age categories having found the most, and lotteries were drawn for two chock-filled Easter baskets. Everyone won something, so they were all victorious.

A light luncheon of hot dogs and punch was served, along with a special "Bunny" cake, through the coordinated efforts of two of the stilling giggling parents.

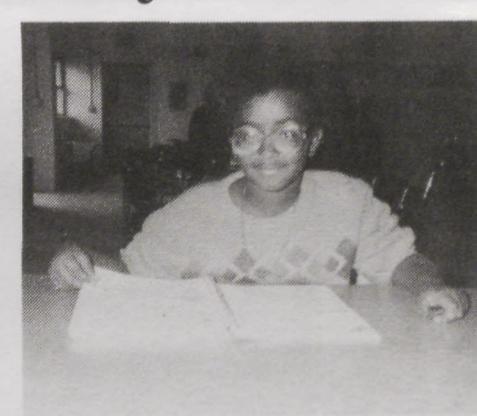
There is already talk about strategies for success in next year's hunt.

Joyce Cook

## Dedication Pays Off

March's After-School Student of the Month, like last month's winner, is a newcomer to our 220 Bruce Street Program. She is Fuguana Ferguson, a nine-year old in Mrs. McMurray's fourth grade class at Newton Street School.

Fuguana wins this award for her outstanding dedication to finishing her homework. Every day she comes in and starts right in with her homework, often before the program even begins! On Fridays, while other kids watch movies or participate in recreational activities, Fuguana makes sure she polishes off her homework before her fun begins. "I like school," she says, and it really shows. Fuguana also has great manners and is very polite and considerate. Plus, she follows directions



Fuguana Ferguson to the "t."

Great work, Fuguana. We appreciate your hard work and your great attitude, and we are happy to have you join us.

Scott Santarosa

## Bishop And Students Renew Friendship

St. Rose of Lima students received blessings of praise as they were commissioned by Bishop Joseph Francis to do service for others less fortunate as a testament of faith. Bishop Francis, Vicar for Essex County for the Archdiocese of Newark visited St. Rose of Lima on March 17th, during which time he visited classrooms, spoke to an assembly of older students and luncheoned with the staff.

He remarked at finding out that our

with a story of a very young girl he met who was unaware that she was dying of AIDS. He was so moved by her willingness to help others even as she lay in her sick bed. He said that as he asked her what she wanted to do when she grew up, he was moved by her response: "I don't have to wait to grow up to do what I want to do, I can do it now."

The fifth grade paid tribute to the Bishop by rendering a musical excerpt from the broadway play, "The



children, when asked what they wish to be when they grow up, chose vocations of service. It was on this occasion that he praised the efforts of our Service Corps Project involving seventh and eighth graders who will begin working within the New Community - Babyland - St. Rose Network after the Easter recess.

"You are young, today's youth," he said to a large group of fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, "but you're not too young that you can not help others." He continued

"Wiz." The Wiz and the bishop hold a special kinship at St. Rose of Lima going back several years when, on a previous visit, a very young student approached the bishop after Mass and questioned him as he was attired in all his religious regalia, asking if he was the Wiz.

As he ended his stay Bishop Francis visited Babyland IV where children with AIDS are involved in day care learning experiences to also give his blessings.



Bishop Joseph Francis is warmly welcomed by the students and faculty during a recent visit to St. Rose of Lima School as the above photos illustrate.

## Students Learn From Community Service

St. Vincent Academy has just concluded its Student in Community Service Program in which two of its juniors were assigned to St. Rose of Lima School. Long regarded as the parent model to our own Service Corps Project, the Academy sends students out into the community as a part of their practicum for learning experience required of all students.

Gloria Ransome, a 1986 graduate of St. Rose of Lima School and Akilah Stiles are both juniors at St. Vincent's

and completed their service in our Kindergarten with the instructor, Mrs. Linda Richardson-Blackwell. Their experiences which lasted for one week, involved tutorial instruction, clerical duties, observation and recreation.

It was difficult for the class to see them leave. The students gave them a farewell reception as the two were honored by Mrs. Blackwell with a gift.



Mt. St. Vincent Academy high school students Akilah Stiles and Gloria Ransome enjoy doing their community service with the kindergarten students of St. Rose School.

## St. Rose Of Lima School Spring Festival

On Saturday, April 29, 1989, Saint Rose of Lima is holding its annual "Spring Festival." This festival is not only a night of fun and celebration, but it is the major fund raising event for our school and for the social services associated with the school. This night of celebration and Chinese Auction gives us an opportunity to show appreciation for what we are trying to accomplish at St. Rose School. What a perfect and permanent way to let the world know that **you are**

behind what Saint Rose stands for in Newark! And what Saint Rose stands for is worth your friendship and your support. Here, we have our own "small world" of three hundred children with a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds. They grow stronger each day in the ability to learn and to live together in peace and in love.

Ticket information may be obtained at the Rectory (201) 482-0682.



NCC's Joyce Cook puts the finishing touches on a floral piece and vase prize for the upcoming Chinese Auction which will benefit St. Rose School.

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